

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 20, 2006. Claims 34-63 are presented for examination, of which Claims 34, 46-49 and 54-60 are in independent form, and have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, in terms which distinguish over the art of record. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 49, 50, 53-60, 62 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,215,523 (Anderson et al.). In addition, Claim 51 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from *Anderson '523* in view of U.S. Patent 6,657,702 (Chui et al.), Claim 52, as being obvious from *Anderson '523* in view of U.S. Patent 6,680,749 (Anderson et al.), Claims 34, 36-40, 44-48 and 61, as being obvious from *Anderson '749* in view of U.S. Patents 6,549,304 (Dow et al.) and 6,215,523 (Anderson et al.), Claim 41, as being obvious from *Anderson '749* in view of *Dow, Anderson '523* and U.S. Patent 5,752,053 (Takakura et al.), and Claims 42 and 43, as being obvious from *Anderson '749* in view of *Dow, Anderson '523* and *Chui*.

The general nature of the present invention has been addressed adequately in previous papers, and it is not believed to be necessary to repeat that discussion in detail. Applicants have amended the independent claims to make still clearer that the slideshow that is shown, is shown automatically. Applicant emphasizes that this is not a change in what he has intended to claim in his previous papers, and believes that he was claiming, but is merely to clarify the claim language on this point.

In particular, independent Claims 34 and 49 have been amended to recite even more clearly the feature of an image processing apparatus of the present invention, which is arranged to display, automatically and in series, images whose size of each is

larger than a thumbnail image, and register a plurality of image selected by a user from among the images automatically displayed in series, as target images of a single processing (e.g., print processing). According to the present invention, it can be attained to process the selected images at once later.

None of the cited references *Anderson '749*, *Chui*, *Dow*, *Anderson '523* or *Takahashi* teach the above-described feature of the present invention, recited in each of independent Claims 34 and 49. Accordingly, those claims are believed to be clearly allowable over those documents, taken separately or in any possible combination (if any).

The other independent claims each contain similar recitations, and are believed to be patentable for the reasons discussed above.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

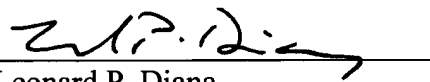
This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, particularly since the changes made are merely to clarify what Applicant has already been claiming. In any event, however, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is

respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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